



Greater Norview Task Force Meeting

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Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Norview Community Center

The following people were present:

Larry Hoots	Margaret Hoots	Chip Johnson
Lt. Squyres	Officer Rogers	Officer Mendoza
Bev Sell	Garnzie West	Kristi Patchen
Ron Manes	Kenny Newton	Penny Brower
AnnaBell Eversole	Jackie Rochelle	Jerry Hollobaugh
Eric Cooper	Victoria Jessie	Freda Burns
Jim Herbst		

The meeting was chaired by Jim Herbst who welcomed everyone.

1. Police Engagement Report

Lt. Squyres reported on police engagement efforts. The transition to longer shifts and combined patrol sectors has gone well and resulted in more cars available. Keeping at least one patrol car in the Sewells Point Road corridor during school dismissal has reduced fights and other nuisance issues. Both residents and police also reported that the One Love Universal shop has been successfully closed. Garnzie West thanked Officer Rogers for efforts made in Coronado.

A number of burglaries committed by youth were occurring on both sides of the pedestrian bridge on I-64 at Picadilly and Wellington Streets. They have made several arrests and followed up with visits to parents. Lt. Squyres further suggested to the members of Wellington Oaks that Wellington Oaks would be a good location for the 2014 National Night Out.

2. Tidewater Drive Construction Projects

Freda Burns, City Right of Way Administrator for Public Works, spoke with members about several upcoming construction projects on Tidewater Drive that will occur from 2013 through 2015. Public Work staff has already made efforts to communicate the Roland Park Overpass refurbishment project but additional projects will follow. A pamphlet was provided and a website has been dedicated to the various projects:

<http://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=2164>. The website will be updated and more specific information will be communicated as information is finalized.

3. Norview Outreach Day and Resource Fair

Residents, businesses, the Norview Community Center and other City agencies are coming together to host a Norview Outreach Day and Resource Fair on July 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Norview Community Center. Local entertainment and food will be provided. Some of the goals are to promote unity and neighborly relations, build trust, connect neighbors with resources, promote Norview assets, and identify people who would like to be more involved. More information and flyers will follow. For more information contact the Norview Community Center at (757) 441-1440 or Jim Herbst at (757) 823-4210.

4. Resident Concerns

Several concerns were raised throughout the meeting.

- Speeding on Widgeon Road and Bankhead Avenue. Residents asked for more ticketing and traffic calming measures. The concern was received by Lt. Squyres in the meeting for police and by Freda Burns and Victoria Jessie from Public Works. It will also be routed to the Transportation Division. Lt. Squyres intends to temporarily place a school resource officer on traffic duty during the summer break.
- Pedestrian crossings at Lenoir Circle and Essex Circle. The speed and volume of traffic on Chesapeake Boulevard make pedestrian crossings at these important streets difficult and dangerous for all, particularly youth. Similar sentiments were expressed about Norview Avenue. The concerns will be routed to Public Works.
- A question was raised about the use and effectiveness of fingerprints in a burglary investigation on Widgeon Road. Lt. Squyres and Community Resource Officer will gather more information.

5. Announcements

- The Five Points Community Garden is located at the Norview United Methodist Church. Free produce will be available to the neighborhood.
- Scope Your Future Apprenticeship Fair at Scope – May 23, 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Investing In Yourself Adult Education Fair – June 22, 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Norview Community Center Outreach Day - July 13
- National Night Out - August 6 in Denby Park

Next Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Norview Community Center

"Healthy Neighborhoods are places where the community manages the day to day life of the neighborhood to successful outcomes. They are places where it makes sense to invest time, energy, and money."

- Charles Buki, neighborhood consultant

Looking Good Greater Norview

May 2013

Neighborhood Spotlight

Task Force Members honor Norview High School and Norview Community Center

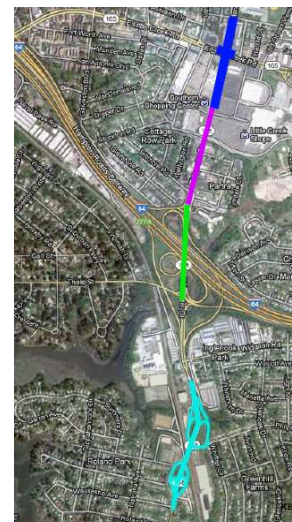
At the last Greater Norview Task Force, community members recognized the high school for its award in the fall for its academic excellence. They also recognized staff at the Norview Community Center for their contribution to the community. A highlight of the meeting was hearing from teens who attend Norview High School. They discussed the Leadership Camp at ODU for which they serve as counselors.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up

The first citywide Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up took place the week of April 15. All five of Norfolk's high schools hosted area elementary schools to a convenient way for parents to register children. Norview's was held on April 18. Norview Elementary registered 30 kindergarteners and 15 pre-k students.

Tidewater Drive Construction

Traffic and neighborhoods along Tidewater Drive from Philpotts Road north to the Little Creek Road intersection will be periodically impacted over the next two years for a series of construction projects. The overpass at Philpotts Road will be refurbished. The underpass at Little Creek Road will be refurbished. Utilities and Virginia Natural Gas will be replacing water and gas lines, respectively. Tidewater Drive will be resurfaced and sidewalks improved near Easy Street.



Best Wishes to Anne Odell

Anne Odell announced her retirement effective April 30. Anne was an Assistant City Manager and served as the City Manager's representative to the Greater Norview Task Force for several years. She will be missed at the task force meetings.

Norview Elementary School

The elementary school has their Career Day on May 24th where students will interact with different members of the community. They also have a Field Day on June 7th. Volunteers are appreciated.

Norview Outreach Day - July 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

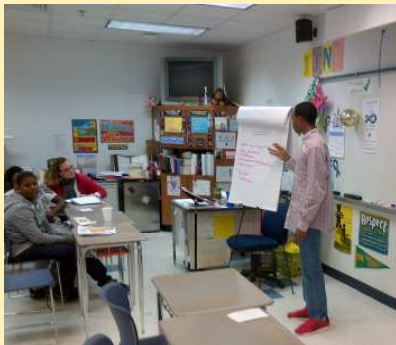
The Norview Community Center, Police, and Neighborhood Development Specialists would like to team up with the neighborhoods to turn the existing Norview Outreach Day into a Resource Fair. More details will be presented at the Task Force meeting.



Civic League Best Practice: Generic Civic League Email Address

Many civic leagues use free email accounts to give their civic league its own email address. This allows the email address to be publicly advertised without flooding anyone's personal email with unwanted emails. It also allows the email address to be passed along as officers change without disruption.

Congratulations to all the groups who have completed spring clean ups.



Youth Engagement

Youth were asked to provide input at three opportunities: a Youth Conversation on January 16th, an online survey, and a focus group at Norview High School on January 31st. The youth involved were thoughtful, perceptive, and engaging. There is great interest in being more involved.

Recommendations for Engaging Youth from the Results

- 1. Look for Opportunities to Engage Youth and Families.** There is a lack of awareness among younger generations about civic leagues and what they do. A suggestion is to support school or community center functions through sponsorships, volunteering, or setting up a display table at events. It might also involve providing child care or child activities at certain civic league meetings per year.
- 2. Create Youth Committees.** Recruit members to a youth committee and use them to plan activities.
- 3. Improve Communication.** Civic groups and the City could improve targeted communication to youth by using electronic media such as texting, social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), email, and websites.

